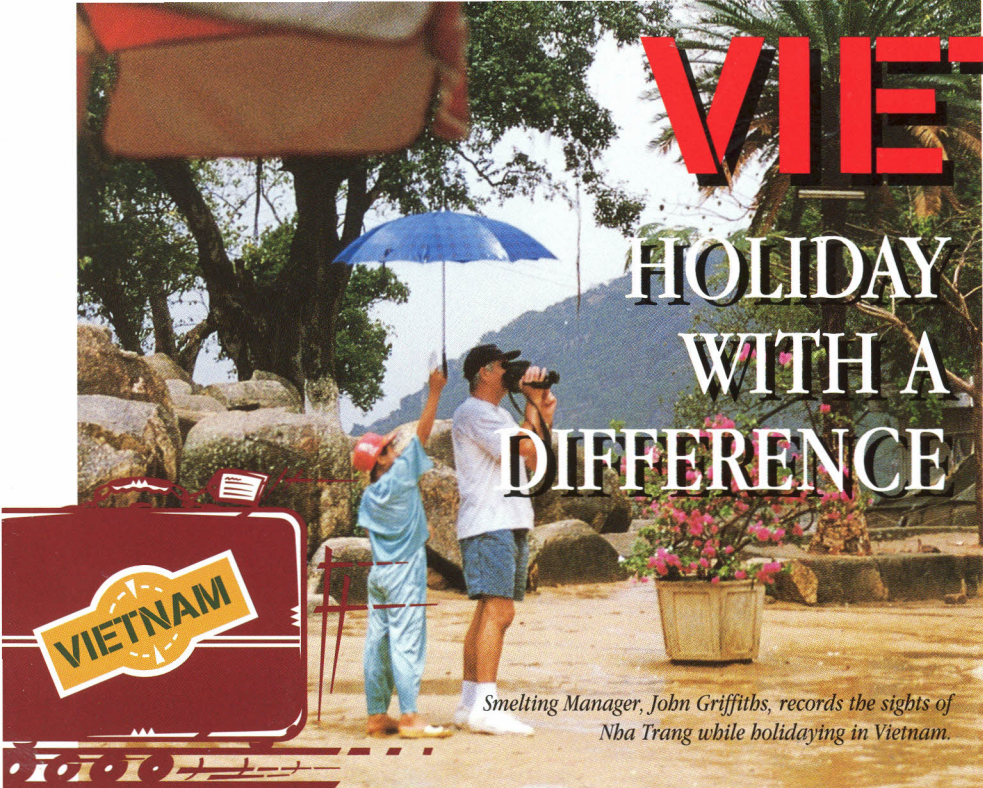


VIETNAM

HOLIDAY WITH A DIFFERENCE



Smelting Manager, John Griffiths, records the sights of Nha Trang while holidaying in Vietnam.

Smelting Manager, John Griffiths, has done some extensive travelling in South-East Asia but there were some big surprises in store when he holidayed for 16 days in Vietnam in April.

John and his wife, Lieve, in previous years had already visited India, Thailand, Malaysia and Borneo before they set foot in Vietnam where they were struck by the proudness of the people, the beauty of the women and also the lack of poverty when compared to India.

John and Lieve are well-known for visiting places not on the usual holiday hit list and their major reason for flying to Vietnam was to visit the country before it too becomes a regular tourist destination.

'We like visiting places where we can experience a different culture and both Lieve and I love South-East Asian food,' said John.

'Vietnam was an amazing country where elderly French are the main group of tourists followed by

Americans and then Australians. Tourists are fairly adequately catered for and the U.S. dollar can be spent just as freely as the local currency.'

John and Lieve flew into Ho Chi Ming city before travelling 250kms to Dalat in the mountains of Vietnam. From there it was to the coastal resort town of Nha Trang and then a 650kms, 14 hour drive to the old capital of Hue to visit the remnants of the old walled city.

Hanoi was the next stop and then Ha Long Bay which comprises 3000 limestone pinnacle islands in a 1500 square km area which John described as 'eerie, beautiful, fascinating and tranquil'. A few days sight-seeing in Ho Chi Minh city was last stop on the holiday.

John said the Vietnamese spoke freely about the Vietnam War while the government was obviously having trouble with a Western-style economy while trying to maintain a 'communist-type' control.

TAFE AWARDS

Pasminco's support for academic achievement was extended this year to include students studying at the Glendale Campus of the Hunter Institute for Technology.

Pasminco provided two awards for students demonstrating excellence in areas of study that would benefit our industry. The awards being presented during the annual speech night at Cardiff Workers Club during May.

The recipients of the "Pasminco Award for Career Advancement" are:

- Scott Lindsay, 21, from Edgeworth who received the award for Fabrication and Engineering, Stage 3, and;
- Simon Dodd, 18, from Elmore Vale who is a STEP student (joint TAFE and High School) and received the award for Mechanical Engineering.



Public Affairs Officer, Helen Croker, congratulates Scott Lindsay on receiving the "Pasminco Award for Career Advancement".